

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2016

ATTENDEES: Leo Dutton, Chair, MSPOA; Jon Swartz, DOT; Tom Butler, DOJ/MHP; Geoff Feiss, MTA; Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Delila Bruno, DMA/DES:

GUESTS: Quinn Ness, DOA/SITSD; Rhonda Sullivan, DOA/SITSD; Trudy Skari, DOA/SITSD; Dan Sullivan, DOA/SITSD; Wing Spooner, DOA/SITSD; Dale Osborn, DOJ/MHP; Mike Feldman, DOJ/MHP; Beki Brandborg, Echo Enterprises; Sandra Barrows, Barrows Consulting;

CONFERENCE CALL: Patrick Lonergan, MFCA; Joe Briggs, MACO; Charlie Gilmore, Lewis & Clark County; Kevin Myhre, MLCT; Clint Loss, MEMSA

CALL TO ORDER: Leo Dutton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. Introductions were complete.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Geoff Feiss moved to approve the September 2015 minutes. Siri Smillie seconded, and the motion carried.

2016 FIRSTNET CONSULTATION: Quinn Ness provided a briefing on the current FirstNet activities and the 2016 FirstNet Consultation:

Request for Proposal (RFP):

- A Request for Proposal was issued on January 13, 2016 with a webinar held for interested parties. There were 645 attendees.
- Questions/concerns were to be submitted by Feb 12, 2016.
- Pre-proposal conference was held on March 10 with capability statements due March 31, 2016.
- Deadline for proposals is May 13, 2016.
- Projected award is expected by the end of the calendar year 2016.
- Objectives currently reached by FirstNet:
 - Held 55 consultation meetings with states/territories;
 - Processed 2,200 comments on draft RFP documents; and answered 650 RFP questions;
 - Industry Days was attended by over 400 attendees interested in responding to the RFP.
- FirstNet will be providing public safety users and partners with:
 - 20 Mhz spectrum,
 - \$6B in cash to offset costs,
 - 25-year term contract;
 - Industry partners get access capabilities and synergies to meet FirstNet objectives:
 - Nationwide core network,
 - Nationwide radio access network,
 - Nationwide backhaul,
 - Deployment operation and maintenance of network and fixed payment to FirstNet for sustainability.

- Cash payments based on buildout of milestones,
- Usage rights to 20 MHz of spectrum.
- Public safety entities will receive the benefit of a nationwide public safety network with priority preemption and a wireless data network that is built to public safety grade and has FirstNet sustainability through a private industry partner(s).

Consultation Process:

Quinn distributed a letter from David Buchanan, FirstNet Consultation Director, in which three goals for 2016 are discussed:

- Expand outreach and education with state/territory, tribal, local, and public safety entities,
- Obtain state and territory input to inform State Plans and network deployment policies, processes, and procedures, and
- Prepare key decision-makers for State Plan delivery and network deployment.

The state plan will be finalized once an industry partner is secure with the RFP process, at which time each state will be presented with a deployment plan.

To reach these goals, the following milestones will need to be achieved by the state and FirstNet:

1. Schedule FirstNet/SPOC Kick Off Meetings
 2. Coordinate Participation in Governance Body Meetings
 3. Establish Consultation Task Teams (CTT)
 4. Schedule an Executive Consultation Meeting
- Prior to delivery of the State Plan, the board will be engaged in an Executive Consultation meeting, either in late 2016 or early 2017.
 - DOA/SITSD is beginning to coordinate outreach activities with FirstNet, utilizing the resources of the SLIGP program. Beki Brandborg has been hired to assist with coordinating outreach and consultation meetings.
 - FirstNet has been asked if they can attend as many upcoming Montana association meetings as possible; and that association/board members engaged their stakeholders and related associations to coordinate and participate in these meetings.

LMR MAINTENANCE FUNDING: Sheriff Leo Dutton expressed serious concern regarding the current maintenance funding status of the statewide LMR system. Discussion ensued that included governance, future state legislature funding requests and meetings of system technicians to identify maintenance requirements and develop an action plan.

Colonel Tom Butler reported he has been engaged with Motorola Solutions in developing a long-term plan for the statewide LMR system. A draft plan is expected for review in the next 30-45 days.

Siri Smillie stated that from Governor Bullock's perspective, he is relying on the statewide LMR system to work and to be able to provide public safety communications across the state. Regarding the governance and the SIGB, his understanding is that a consultation body is required for FirstNet and the SLIGP grant.

Siri stated that in order to present a solution to Governor Bullock and the legislature, SIGB members need to be on board in reauthorization of the executive order that will keep the board together. Additionally, if there's going to be state funding requested, there needs to be a consensus from SIGB and its member associations. From the governor's office perspective, nothing will get done if all of key players won't express their needs and participate in the legislative process. Any decisions need to be a consensus from the stakeholders.

Colonel Butler reported he and Geoff Feiss met to discuss statewide LMR system issues, and Geoff was onboard with the discussed options and will be involved in future endeavors. In order to clearly explain radio communications, Tom will invite Brad Steiner, Motorola, to next month's meeting.

Charlie Gilmore, Lewis and Clark County provided current maintenance cost estimates for the statewide LMR system. Per master site, annual maintenance costs are \$101,327.25 through Motorola. This includes: 1) Onsite infrastructure response, 2) dispatch service network monitoring, 3) security updates, 4) technical support and 5) infrastructure repair with advance replacement.

Sheriff Dutton stated that the statewide system technician's meetings will continue, and encouraged board members to attend and requested that Geoff Feiss provide a presentation to the SIGB demonstrating what MTA telecommunication providers can bring to the table regarding the future of the statewide LMR system.

Colonel Butler recapped three important points: 1) Continued financial costs and if it makes sense to continue in the current direction; 2) what to do with current technologies in place; and 3) how to leverage relationships with private industry to lower costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting is May 12, 1:30-3:30 pm at the MDT Commission Room. The meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.